

**Dr. Sydney J. Peerless** has been named the first appointee to the C.G. Drake professorship in neurosurgery. The 5-year term was established to honour Drake's internationally recognized achievements, primarily in brain surgery, and to ensure that the University of Western Ontario (UWO) and University Hospital remain at the leading edge of neurosurgery and research in the neurologic sciences.

Peerless has been a faculty member in the department of clinical neurological sciences at UWO since 1975. He is currently chairman of that department's division of neurosurgery and is chief of neurosurgery at University Hospital. Peerless earned his MD degree from the University of British Columbia in 1961.

**Dr. Walter Frederick Schlech III** has been awarded a \$75 000 medical scholarship from the Canadian Life and Health Insurance Association to study hospital-acquired diarrhea. He will compile and compare patient data to identify risk factors, and preventive measures will also be explored.

Schlech has been associate professor of medicine, microbiology and preventive medicine at Dalhousie University's faculty of medicine since 1982. He is also associate physician at Victoria General Hospital and is a consulting staff physician for Camp Hill Hospital, the Halifax Infirmary, Izaak Walton Killam Hospital for Children and the Nova Scotia Rehabilitation Centre. Since 1984, he has held the position of infection control officer/hospital epidemiologist at the Victoria General Hospital.



Between 1980 and 1982, Schlech was a fellow at the epidemic intelligence service of the special pathogens branch, a section of the bacterial disease division at the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, GA. He spent the preceding 2 years in Nashville, TN, at Vanderbilt University medical school as a fellow in infectious diseases.

Schlech did his internship and residency in medicine at the Dartmouth Medical School Affiliated Institutions in Hanover, NH, between 1975 and 1978. He graduated from Cornell University medical college in New York in 1975, having graduated in 1971 from Williams College in Williamstown, MA, with a political science degree.

He was a hospital corpsman in the USNR between 1964 and 1971 and did active duty as part of the USMC in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968.

**Dr. D.F. (Tim) Cameron**, dean of medicine at the University of Alberta from 1974-1983 and president of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1982, has received the 1985 outstanding physician award from the Edmonton Academy of Medicine.

Cameron joined the University of Alberta in 1950 and held a number of appointments before becoming dean in 1974. He has also served as president of the Medical Council of Canada, president of the Association of Canadian Medical Colleges and president of the University Hospital medical staff.

Cameron has been active in health-related organizations, holding positions such as chairman of the Edmonton-area hospital planning council and chairman of the board of governors of the McLaughlin examination and research centre of the Royal College.

A member of the Order of the British Empire since 1944, Cameron



served as commanding officer of the 19th Alberta Dragoons for several years. He was honoured with the Canada Defence Medal in 1959 and with the Queen's Jubilee Medal in 1978.

**Dr. William C. Watson**, recently appointed chief of staff at Victoria Hospital in London, ON, and current president of the Canadian Association of Gastroenterology, has been elected vice-president of the Inter-American Society of Endoscopy at a recent meeting of the European Congress of Gastroenterology in Lisbon, Portugal.

This society encompasses national bodies in the field of endoscopy throughout South America, the central Americas, the United States and Canada. One of Watson's goals is to bring the World Congress of Gastroenterology to Toronto in 1990.

Watson came to London in 1969 to create and develop a gastrointestinal unit in Victoria Hospital. After serving as secretary to the hospital's medical advisory committee, he was appointed chief of staff effective Jan. 1, 1985. Watson has served on the faculty of medicine of the University of Western Ontario as chairman of their academic policy committee. He was also a faculty representative on the senate from 1972-1976. In 1976 he was vice-chairman of the senate. Afterward, he was elected representative of the faculty-at-large to the board of governors.

Born in Glasgow, Scotland, Watson graduated from the University of Glasgow in 1950. After surgical residency, he spent 2 years with the RAMC in Hong Kong, ending his service with the rank of major. After working several years with hospitals and universities in Scotland and the United States, he spent a year as visiting professor with Kenya's new medical school in Nairobi.

